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Dear ENERGY STAR® Telephony Stakeholder:

On January 19, 2006, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized the ENERGY STAR Version 2.0 Telephony specification and shared it with stakeholders. The specification outlined the performance, testing, and labeling requirements that qualifying products must meet in order to earn the ENERGY STAR, and did not differ substantively from the Final Draft specification that was distributed to stakeholders on February 11, 2005 and again on March 22, 2005. The Final specification had an effective date of July 1, 2006.

Following finalization of the Version 2.0 telephony specification, it has come to EPA's attention that there has been uncertainty regarding the specification's effective date. Much of this uncertainty was tied to the implementation of a Tier 2 ENERGY STAR specification for Single Voltage External Ac-Dc and Ac-Ac Power Supplies, also originally scheduled for July 1, 2006. On March 1, 2006, EPA released a memorandum to stakeholders announcing a delay in implementing a Tier 2 specification for external power supplies. (Please visit www.energystar.gov/powersuppliesdevelopment for further information.)

In light of possible difficulties associated with uncertainty about the external power supplies Tier 2 effective date, **EPA is delaying the effective date of the Version 2.0 telephony specification from July 1, 2006 to November 1, 2006.** The new date has been selected to allow manufacturers approximately nine months from the official finalization of the Version 2.0 specification to prepare for the transition to the new requirements. All products, including models originally qualified under Version 1.0, with a **date of manufacture on or after November 1, 2006 must meet the Version 2.0 requirements in order to bear the ENERGY STAR mark.**

As a reminder, existing partners who wish to continue their partnership in ENERGY STAR for Telephony must acknowledge the new Version 2.0 specification by updating and submitting the attached Commitment Form. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at fanara.andrew@epa.gov or (202) 343-9019.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Fanara".

Andrew Fanara, Manager
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Attachments:

- Revised Version 2.0 ENERGY STAR Telephony Program Requirements
- ENERGY STAR Commitment Form